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DCS Initiates Internal Affairs Investigation of CPS Referral

Nashville, TN - The Department of Children's Services has initiated an Internal Affairs investigation of circumstances regarding a referral received regarding a 19-month old boy who ingested cocaine. Internal Affairs will investigate whether appropriate policies and procedures were followed in investigating the referral.

Until the Internal Affairs investigation is complete, two child protective services employees will be temporarily reassigned. Internal Affairs will provide all findings to Department Commissioner Viola P. Miller, who will determine if disciplinary action is warranted based on the findings.

The child who tested positive for cocaine has since been released from the hospital and is currently in the care of family members, as are two other siblings. The child's mother is facing criminal charges as a result of the incident. DCS maintains contact with the family to monitor the children's progress and wellbeing.

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